



June 11, 2020

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendment to Agreement with MV Transportation, Inc., for the OC ACCESS Service

Overview

On July 1, 2013, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved an agreement with MV Transportation, Inc., for the management and operation of OC ACCESS service, which was subsequently extended through June 30, 2021. On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a stay-at-home order in response to the novel coronavirus, which resulted in a significant decrease in OC ACCESS ridership. Staff requests an extension of the existing agreement through December 31, 2021, to allow time for the Orange County Transportation Authority to evaluate the novel coronavirus impact on the OC ACCESS service and to provide prospective proposers sufficient time to review and respond to a request for proposals.

Recommendation

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-2-1865 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and MV Transportation, Inc., in the amount of \$24,377,535, to extend the term of the agreement for an additional six months to operate the OC ACCESS service through December 31, 2021. This will increase the maximum obligation amount of the agreement to \$375,620,065.

Discussion

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires agencies that operate fixed-route bus service to provide complementary paratransit service for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the fixed-route system. To comply with ADA, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) implemented the OC ACCESS service in 1993. The OC ACCESS service is different from traditional fixed-route service, requiring passengers to complete an

in-person assessment to become eligible, advance reservations, and subscription service is available.

MV Transportation, Inc. (MV), has managed, operated, and maintained the vehicles for the OC ACCESS service since 2013. The original agreement included an initial term of four years, with two, two-year option terms. Under this agreement, MV provides the primary OC ACCESS service using OCTA-owned vehicles. In order to enhance service efficiency and cost effectiveness, MV has a subcontract with Yellow Cab of Greater Orange County, Inc., to provide supplemental OC ACCESS service using smaller vehicles that are only deployed when needed. This arrangement has resulted in the OCTA-provided OC ACCESS fleet remaining consistent at 248 vehicles throughout the initial term and first, two-year option term.

Staff had planned to seek Board of Directors (Board) approval to release a request for proposals (RFP) to procure a new agreement for the provision of OC ACCESS services in April 2020. However, as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic priorities shifted and staff resources were diverted to address operational responses and challenges. A six-month extension will allow staff to consider the long-term implications of the pandemic and incorporate any necessary health and safety adjustments that are now recommended into the scope of work to provide future OC ACCESS service in. Staff plans to bring an RFP for the provision of OC ACCESS services to the Board for consideration before the end of the year.

To continue beyond the second, two-year option term, OCTA staff estimated the cost of the OC ACCESS service for the first six months of the proposed fiscal year 2020-21 budget.

Procurement Approach

On March 25, 2013, the Board approved a contract for a four-year initial term with two, two-year option terms with MV to provide turnkey management and operation of the OC ACCESS service from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. The first two-year option term was executed in June 2017 and the second two-year option term was executed in July 2019, with Board approval. The procurement was handled in accordance with OCTA Board-approved policies and procedures for professional and technical services. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis and was previously amended, as described in Attachment A.

The proposed Amendment No. 9 is to extend the term of the agreement for six months to provide OC ACCESS service through December 31, 2021. During

the proposed six-month extension to the agreement, OCTA will continue to reimburse MV based on the same fixed and variable vehicle hour rates as those in the second option term. Amending the agreement will increase the maximum cumulative obligation by \$24,377,535, bringing the total contract value to \$375,620,065 for continued management, operation, and vehicle maintenance of the OC ACCESS service.

Staff will issue a solicitation within the next six months for a new procurement for the OC ACCESS service beginning on January 1, 2022.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-2-1865 is included in the OCTA Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, Operations Division.

Summary

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. C-2-1865 between OCTA and MV, in the amount of \$24,377,535, to extend the term of the agreement for an additional six months to operate the OC ACCESS service through December 31, 2021. The total contract value will be \$375,620,065.

Attachment


- A. MV Transportation, Inc., Agreement No. C-2-1865 Fact Sheet

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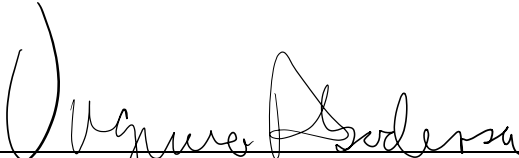


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